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Mr. Chair,

Myanmar associates itself with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. My delegation would like to express our appreciation to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), its Regional Disarmament Branch (RDB) and the three United Nations Regional Centres for their constructive contribution towards global disarmament, international peace and security. We would also like to thank to the panelists from the three Regional Centres for their comprehensive presentations today.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation fully support and appreciate the role played by the three UN Regional Centres, particularly the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific in the promotion of global disarmament and non-proliferation instruments through national capacity-building in the areas of disarmament, non-proliferation and regional security as well as the outreach and advocacy initiatives. Therefore, my delegation together with other like-minded countries in the region, join the annual draft resolution entitled “United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific”.

Mr. Chair,

Taking this opportunity, my delegation would like to express our appreciation to the Regional Centre in Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for organizing a Training Programme on Nuclear Disarmament for Southeast Asia for young diplomats from the region. I have the pleasure and honour of joining the training programme as a participant.

The training programme provided a good opportunity for us to study the global and regional nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation initiatives. We also had a good opportunity to meet with our fellow diplomats from Southeast Asia region, who work on disarmament matters. The training programme was very useful, and, therefore, we would like to suggest that UNIDIR should organize similar programmes in the future.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation would like to share information with you that Myanmar will be hosting the United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 National Round Table in January 2016 in cooperation with the UNODA.

As an active UN Member State in advocating nuclear disarmament and also the main sponsor of an annual draft resolution on nuclear disarmament, Myanmar is building capacity in this field.

In this regard, we highly commend the Disarmament Fellowship Programme organized annually by the Office of Disarmament Affairs. Myanmar is one of beneficiaries in this year's programme. My delegation would like to suggest that UNODA invite more women participants from Member States, especially from the Least Developed Countries, to the said training in order to promote the participation of women in the areas of peace and disarmament. My country is also looking forward to getting more opportunity to participate in the programme in the years to come.

Mr. Chair,

We are very much aware that the Regional Centres' activities rely on voluntary contributions. In order to sustain the activities of the Regional Centres, the Member States should continue to contribute to them. Furthermore, the

Secretary-General of the United Nations should encourage all Member States, particularly the developed countries to contribute financial resources in support of the programmes of the Regional Centres.

Mr. Chair,

My delegation truly believes that maintaining and revitalizing the regional centres for peace and disarmament would contribute significantly to regional and international peace and security. We would like to reaffirm our continued support for the Regional Centres in promoting the fields of peace, security and disarmament in their respective regions and beyond.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.
